

A majority of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, to whom was referred An act of the sixth General Assembly of the State of Florida, entitled An act to alter and amend the Fourteenth and Twenty-Third Clauses of the Third Article, and the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Clauses of the Fifth Article of the Constitution of this State, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT:

The amendments proposed by said act, for giving the election of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Clerks of the Courts of Chancery, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the State of Florida to the people, recommend themselves with peculiar force to a majority of said Committee as wise, proper and just; wise as giving to the people the selection of their own officers, proper and just as resolving upon its own proper basis the election of officers principally political in their character, and they therefore recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,

Chairman Com. Revision Constitution.

Which was read and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Wynn made the following minority report:

A minority of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, ask leave to

REPORT:

They consider that it is impossible that the people who are scattered over so large a region of country, as the State of Florida, can make themselves acquainted with the qualifications of persons for Offices which, although of the greatest importance in themselves, are not of sufficient honor or profit to justify a canvass of the State.

The minority would also state that the graver objection they would urge to the passage of the bill, is, that it proposes to alter the Constitution of the State, an article which they regard of too sacred a nature to be altered, or amended, except to correct grievances of serious importance.

W. B. WYNN,

W. L. CRIGLAR.

Which was read.

On motion, the rule was waived, when the following bills were introduced;

By Mr. Brinson, without previous notice:

A bill to be entitled An act to regulate the practice of medicine and to provide for the establishment of a Medical Board in this State.

By Mr. Provence, according to previous notice:

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel D. Howse of Marion County to assume the management of his estate;

Which bills were placed among the Orders of the Day.

An act of the Sixth General Assembly of the State of Florida, to alter and amend the fourteenth and twenty-third clauses of the third article, and the thirteenth and sixteenth clauses of the fifth article of the Constitution of this State;

Which was read three several times as on its first reading, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to regulate the practice of medicine, and to provide for the establishment of a Medical Board in this State;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel D. Howse of Marion County, to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 21, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following Bills, which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth, of Gadsden County, to manage his own estate;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court of Calhoun County;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved January 8th, 1848;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act incorporating the city of St. Augustine, approved 4th February, 1833, with enclosed amendments.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, a Bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company, was taken from the table, and placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hopkins introduced a Bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the office of State Engineer and Geologist;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Criglar permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a Bill in relation to the institution of suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brinson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to remove the Obstructions to the Navigation of the Suwannee River, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they consider the object designed to be accomplished by the bill referred to them, as eminently entitled to receive the favorable action of the General Assembly. The Suwannee River, it is well known, takes its rise in the State of Georgia, and pursues its course across our State, until it disembogues into the Gulf of Mexico at or near Cedar Key. From its junction with the Withlacoochee, and indeed from a point far above to its mouth, it affords a supply of water which, but for the obstructions in its bed, proposed to be removed by the bill under consideration, would enable steamers of ordinary size to ascend it at all seasons of the year. More than one enterprise has been set on foot to establish a regular steam communication between Columbus, a place immediately opposite the point of confluence of the Suwannee and Withlacoochee, and Cedar Key, but it has been found that in seasons of low water the obstructions existing below Columbus, were of a character to interrupt the navigation of the River, and hence all such enterprises have failed.

Your Committee believe that sound State policy, as well as a due regard for the interest and convenience of the people residing in the Counties bordering on the Sawannee, dictates that some feasible plan should be adopted to remove all obstructions to the navigation of the river. The experience of modern times clearly proves, that as facilities are offered to enable a people to reach a market, their enterprise is stimulated, and in proportion as these facilities are increased, are the resources of the country they inhabit developed; and so thoroughly are the minds of men convinced of this truth, that we find efforts constantly being made to extend railroads in every direction where nature has not supplied her waters to bear off the fruits of the labor of man.

Your Committee, impressed with these truths, and in view of the fact that the Counties of Columbia, Hamilton and Madison in this State, containing a large population and possessed of a rich and fertile soil, and deeply concerned in the question involved in this bill, esteem it a propitious occasion for the Legislature to adopt some provisions to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Suwannee. They believe that such a measure would tend greatly to increase the population of the Counties referred to. It would stim-

ulate their enterprise, advance their interest, increase their wealth and promote their happiness, whilst the results to the State generally would be beneficial in increasing her commerce and exciting a spirit of emulation in other sections, producing like benefits. It may not be improper for your Committee to remark, that the bill does not design to withdraw from the treasury any money to be applied to the object proposed. A more legitimate fund exists for all purposes of this character, and your Committee believe that the Swamp and Overflowed Lands, which were granted for purposes of Internal Improvement, could not be more beneficially applied than to carry out the object of the bill under consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. BRINSON, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long from the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, who were instructed to enquire and report upon the expediency of allowing appeals to the Circuit Courts of orders and decisions of the Boards of County Commissioners in the several Counties of this State, having considered the subject, unanimously instruct the undersigned to report the following bill providing for such appeals.

The Committee recommend the passage of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Com.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act to authorize and empower Andrew J. Lea, Administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified," having considered the same, instruct the undersigned to recommend that said bill do not pass.

The Committee are of opinion that the Courts are open to grant the remedy hereby contemplated. If the law at present confers jurisdiction on Courts of Probate to render decrees for the sale of real estate of deceased persons, then there can be no necessity for the passage of this act, and if Courts of Probate have no such jurisdiction under the Constitution and laws of the State, then the Committee are of opinion that the Constitution confers no power on the Legislature to vest in a Judge of Probate any part of the Judicial power of this State. The Constitution expressly vests all the Judicial power in this State in the Supreme, Circuit, and Chancery Courts, and in Justices of the Peace, and as the object of the bill can certainly be obtained by an application to the Circuit Court, there appears no reason sufficient to urge the exercise of a power so

doubtful as this must be admitted to be when the Constitution is taken into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Com.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.
Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitor or prosecuting attorneys of this State, having had the same under consideration, unanimously instruct the undersigned to recommend its passage, with the subjoined amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Amendments recommended by the committee:

1. Amend the title of the bill by adding the words, "and for other purposes;"
2. Amend the second section by filling the blank therein, with the words "eight hundred dollars;"
3. Amend by adding the following:

Section 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures, collected in criminal cases below the grade of felonies, shall, when collected, be paid into the County Treasuries instead of the State Treasury.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances have had under consideration a bill to be entitled An act for the relief of James Landrum, Solicitor of the Western Circuit of the State of Florida, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That although the bill of the Solicitor is correct as to the number of cases reported on the criminal docket at the fall term of the Circuit Court, for Calhoun County, yet it is extremely doubtful in the minds of your Committee whether Solicitor Landrum would have succeeded in prosecuting all of these cases to conviction. Therefore your Committee have agreed to allow to the Solicitor the sum of seventy-five dollars for such services as he has rendered, and conceive the amount fully adequate to the labor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave respectfully to report the following Bill and Resolutions as correctly Engrossed;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes or other persons of color;

Resolution in relation to a Mail Route from Tallahassee by the way of Sopchoppy in Wakulla County, to White Bluff or Pickett's Ville at the mouth of Crooked River in the Apalachicola Bay;

Resolution in relation to the improvement of St. John's Bar and the preservation of the site of St. John's Light House.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman,

Which was read and the Bills placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled an act to amend and revive the several acts in reference to establishing the records of the Counties of Gadsden and Jackson;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled An act to organize the County of Volusia;

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act to permanently locate the Court House of Hernando County;

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Oliver H. Hearn to build a Toll Bridge across the Ocilla River;

Was the second time, the rule waived, read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—17.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the performance of the duties of the Supreme Court, and to change the time and places for holding the terms thereof;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Cone permitted to intro-

duce, without previous notice, a bill in relation to the Election Precincts in Columbia County;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second and third times, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—17.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said Bill—Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman, reported the Bill back, with amendments and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and recommended that the bill, as amended, be passed;

Which was concurred in.

The Bill as amended was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill for the relief of the Town of Quincy;

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

An Act of the Sixth General Assembly, to alter and amend the fourteenth and twenty-third Clauses of the third Article, and the thirteenth and sixteenth Clauses of the fifth Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three times as on its second reading, and ordered to be read a third time on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the Practice of Medicine, and to provide for the establishment of a Medical Board in this State;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Brinson, was laid on the table.

A Bill to abolish the office of State Engineer and Geologist;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the institution of suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Suwannee River;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act granting the right of Appeal from the decision of County Commissioners;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel D. House of Marion County, to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize and empower Andrew J. Lea, administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Hawes and Myrick—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

So said bill was lost.

Ordered that the be same certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State;

Was read the second time, when on motion of Mr. Long it was laid upon the table for the present.

A bill for the relief of J. M. Landrum was read the second time, the amendments of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom said bill had been referred, were concurred in, and the bill as amended read again the second time when on motion, the rule was waived, the bill read the third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—Mr. Provence—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act to prevent white persons from gaming with Negroes or other persons of color;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—Mr. Brinson—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

An Engrossed Resolution in relation to the Improvement of St. John's Bar and the preservation of the site of St. John's Light House ;

Was read the third time and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

An Engrossed Resolution in relation to a mail route from Tallahassee via Sopchoppy, in Wakulla County, to White Bluff or Pickettsville at the mouth of Crooked River, on the Apalachicola Bay ;

Was read the third time and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend and revive the several Acts in reference to re-establishing the records of the Counties of Gadsden and Jackson ;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the following message was taken from the table :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 20, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to enforce the laws against the violation of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County ;

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of William R. Hayward and others ;

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize William A. Gainer to build a Toll Bridge across Bear Creek ;

Resolutions authorizing the Governor to turn over sixty muskets and accoutrements to the Florida Independent Blues and others ;

Resolution asking that Tampa be made a Port of Entry ; and

Resolution relative to extra compensation to the Clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The House has ordered the printing of 75 copies of a statement of the Comptroller of the amount of State Script issued under the Act of January 7th, 1853.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk Ho. Reps.

Which was read.

The House Bills and Resolutions placed among the orders of the day, and the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize William A. Gainer to build a Toll Bridge across Bear Creek ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of William R. Hayward and others ;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

House resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over sixty muskets and accoutrements to the Florida Independent Blues, and others ;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution asking that Tampa be made a Port of Entry ;

Was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Provence, from a Special Committee, made the following report :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the following Petition, viz :

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives
of the State of Florida :*

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Key West, beg leave to respectfully represent to your honorable bodies, that from the first building up of this City, it has been the practice of all those owning what was called Water Lots, to make use of the Water Privilege in front to build piers, bulkheads and wharves, and in doing this have made use of the fronts of the ends of those streets which abut on the water, throughout the most densely built part of the City. Now this water right, it would appear, belonged or belongs to the Sovereign, for the time being, to the Crown of Spain before the purchase of Florida, and after that purchase, during its Territorial period, to the United States, but now to the *State of Florida*.

From the practice pursued in other cities under the same circumstances, we, as conservators of the rights of the City, have no objection to make to the propriety of the owners of water lots, making use of the Water Right in front of such of them as really front on deep and navigable water ; but, as such conservators, we claim the same right of Water Privilege for the benefit of this City, to the front of the ends of all streets, which likewise abut on deep and navigable water, for those streets belonging to the City, as long as they

are used as thoroughfares, in a like manner as the water lots belong to their several owners.

Now, for these reasons, it is the prayer of this Board, that your honorable bodies do confirm this Water Privilege of building, using and selling the piers, bulkheads and wharves which are built, or may be built, in the front of the end of any street in this City, where such pier, bulkhead or wharf runs out to deep water, at right angles to the original water boundary of such street, or end of street.

And inasmuch as the said Water Right is not now occupied on either side of the foot or westerly end of Green street, nor will the granting by your honorable bodies of fifty feet of said Water Right, on each side of the end of said street, interfere with any private right; therefore, this Board respectfully prays that your honorable bodies will give in addition to this City, the said fifty feet of Water Right on each side of such street to the channel of the harbor, for the purpose of building a City wharf.

It is held by some that this Right now exists in the several individuals, and in the city; but believing, as this Board does, that this Water Right is really in the State, we pray that it may be confirmed as above to the City, that it may save contest at law that would naturally lessen the value of the Right to all. To this City the Right prayed for would be of value to lease or sell, and the fund thereby acquired is here much needed for schools and other purposes, that are now poorly supported.

Our prayer remains that this may receive a favorable consideration from your honorable bodies.

JOHN W. PORTER,

Mayor City Key West, on behalf of City Council.

KEY WEST, November 27, 1854.

Have had the same under consideration, and through me, their Chairman, respectfully

REPORT:

That the petition admits "the Water Rights" at Key West are the property of the State of Florida—therefore the Mayor, in behalf of the Council, asks that these Water Rights may be confirmed and granted to the said City; that there be, also, granted to the aforesaid City the right of using and selling the piers, bulkheads and wharves which now exist, or may hereafter be built, in front of the end of any street; and finally, the petition asks the privilege of constructing a wharf at the westerly end of Green street, and a gift of fifty feet on each side of the end of said street.

Your Committee have no hesitation in saying, that the State is the proprietor of the Water Rights and Privileges, from high tide on the coast to the distance of one marine league seaward, and therefore private persons ought not to use this State property so as to abridge

the privileges of any citizen, or to hurt the commerce of the Port of Key West.

Your Committee would, with pleasure, recommend that the request in the foregoing petition be granted, were it not that the strongest assurances have been given to this Committee, that a majority of the people of Key West are unwilling to accept such a grant from this State.

Your Committee had before them Mr. Filor, the Senator from Monroe, and he most solemnly assured them that his belief was, that a majority of his constituents did not want or request any such grant or gift from the State as the petition prayed for; also Mr. Jones, the Representative from Key West, confirmed the statement of Mr. Filor in every particular.

Your Committee are fully sensible of the fact, that it is a most unusual and rare circumstance that either an individual or Corporation should be unwilling to accept a conveyance of important and valuable franchises, yet your Committee are assured that the people of Key West present one of those rare instances. Therefore they have thought proper to allude, as above, to the statements of Messrs. Filor and Jones, tending to the position that, in this matter and in this instance, Key West neither wishes nor will take anything.

In view of the premises, your Committee unanimously recommend that the aforesaid petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was read, and the report of the Committee concurred in.

Mr. Filor gave notice that he should probably, on some future day, make a minority report;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Wynn from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a petition from the County Commissioners of Wakulla County, praying that power be granted them to levy a tax on the citizens of said County for the purpose of building a Court House in said County, have had the same under consideration and

REPORT:

That they have made inquiries from all available sources, and having ascertained that the granting the prayer of the petitioners would meet with the approbation of the majority of the citizens of Wakulla County, they recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

W. B. WYNN,

Chairman Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 22, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House, viz:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to permanently fix the Election Precincts in Columbia County, and to repeal certain acts therein named, approved January 8th, 1853;

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes or other persons of color;

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of J. M. Landrum;

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize Oliver H. Hearn to build a Toll Bridge across the Ocilla River;

House bill to authorize William A. Gainer to build a Toll Bridge across Bear Creek;

Resolutions in relation to mail route from Tallahassee via Sopchoppy to White Bluff or Pickettsville;

Resolutions in relation to the Improvement of St. John's Bar.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Filor introduced a bill to be entitled An act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of free negroes or free persons of color into Key West;

Said bill was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave respectfully to report the following Bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel D. Howse, of Marion County, to assume the management of his own estate.

A bill to be entitled An act to remove the obstructions to the Navigation of the Suwannee River.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 22, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize the drainage of the Alachua Savannah, without amendment;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize Thomas H. Willis, of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, without amendment;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize William Webb to establish a ferry across Escambia Bay,

With the following amendment, in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested, viz:

Between the words "Commissioners" and "and" in the seventh line of the second Section, insert the words "of Escambia County;"

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of John Sapp, of Madison County;

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Bayport;

Resolution requesting an order from the Secretary of War to the Indian Agent in Florida for the delivery of a negro man belonging to B. M. Dell, of Florida; and

Resolution authorizing the Governor to compensate James D. Westcott for services in the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk Ho. Reps.

Which was read.

The House bills were placed among the Orders of the Day, and Senate Bills ordered to be Enrolled.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a Tax for the purpose of building a Court House in said County;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend and revive the several Acts in reference to re-establishing the records of the Counties of Gadsden and Jackson;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes moved its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Which was lost.